

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER
COMBINED AUTHORITY, HELD ON FRIDAY 29 JULY 2016 AT
BURY TOWN HALL, BURY**

GM INTERIM MAYOR	Tony Lloyd (in the Chair)
BOLTON COUNCIL	Councillor Cliff Morris
BURY COUNCIL	Councillor Rishi Shori
MANCHESTER CC	Councillor Richard Leese
OLDHAM COUNCIL	Councillor Jean Stretton
ROCHDALE MBC	Councillor Richard Farnell
SALFORD CC	City Mayor Paul Dennett
STOCKPORT MBC	Councillor Alex Ganotis
TAMESIDE MBC	Councillor Kieran Quinn
TRAFFORD COUNCIL	Councillor Sean Anstee
WIGAN COUNCIL	Councillor Peter Smith

JOINT BOARDS AND OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

GMFRA	Councillor David Acton
GMWDA	Councillor Nigel Murphy
TfGMC	Councillor Andrew Fender

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Margaret Asquith	Bolton Council
Mike Owen	Bury Council
Geoff Little	Manchester CC
Carolyn Wilkins	Oldham Council
Steve Rumbelow	Rochdale MBC
Jim Taylor	Salford CC
Eamonn Boylan	Stockport MBC
Steven Pleasant	Tameside MBC
Helen Jones	Trafford Council
Will Blandamer	Wigan Council
Peter O'Reilly	Chief Fire Officer, GM Fire & Rescue Service
Ian Hopkins	Chief Constable, GM Police

Jon Lamonte	Chief Executive, TfGM
Simon Nokes	New Economy
Adam Allen	Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Liz Treacy	GMCA Monitoring Officer
Richard Paver	GMCA Treasurer
Andrew Lightfoot	Deputy Head of the Paid Service
Julie Connor	Head of GMIST
Paul Harris	GM Integrated Support Team
Ross MacRae	GMCA Media Lead

124/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Howard Bernstein, Theresa Grant, Donna Hall and Mark Hughes.

125/16 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

There were no announcements or matters of urgent business reported.

126/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

127/16 MINUTES

a. Minutes of the GMCA Annual Meeting held on 30 June 2016

RESOLVED/-

To agree the minutes of the Annual meeting of the GMCA held on 30 June 2016 as a correct record.

b. Minutes of the GMCA Ordinary Meeting held on 30 June 2016

RESOLVED/-

To agree the minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 30 June 2016 as a correct record.

128/16 ESTABLISHMENT OF A GMCA RESOURCES SUB-COMMITTEE

Members considered appointments to the GMCA Resources Sub – Committee.

RESOLVED/-

To agree that Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor, Cllr Richard Leese, Cllr Sean Anstee, Cllr Peter Smith and Cllr Kieran Quinn be appointed to the GMCA Resources Sub Committee and to request that the Terms of Reference be drafted and reported to the GMCA at its meeting in August.

129/16 FORWARD PLAN OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS

Consideration was given to a report which advised Members of those strategic decisions that were to be considered by the GMCA over the upcoming four months.

RESOLVED/-

To note the Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions, as set out in the report.

130/16 MINUTES

a. Minutes of the Transport for Greater Manchester Committee held on 15 July 2016

The minutes of the proceedings of TfGMC held on 15 July 2016 were submitted. Members noted that they were to consider TfGMC's decision to approve transport policy priorities for 2016/17 as per the extract below.

The report is appended to the minutes.

103/16 TfGMC16/30 - 2016-2017 POLICY PRIORITIES

Members considered a report highlighting the policy priorities that the Committee would recommend to Greater Manchester Combined Authority to adopt for the forthcoming year. The report also provided a summary on the progress made on achieving priorities over the past year.

With regard to the four key aims for Greater Manchester as set out at section 3.2 to the report, a Member suggested that active travel should be promoted alongside other public transport modes.

RESOLVED/-

- 1. To note the transport policy priorities as set out in Section 3 to the report and the request of Members to consider and promote active travel activities to help deliver the priorities.*
- 2. To agree that the transport policy priorities as set out in Section 3 to the report and as appended to these minutes, be submitted for approval to the GMCA on 29 July 2016.*

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the minutes of the meeting of TfGMC held on 15 July 2016.

2. To endorse and adopt the TfGMC Policy Priorities for 2016-17 as recommended by TfGMC.

b. Minutes of the Greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership held on 14 July 2016.

The minutes of the GM Local Enterprise Partnership meeting held on 14 July 2016, were submitted for GMCA Members' information.

RESOLVED/-

To note the minutes of the GM Local Enterprise Partnership meeting, held on 14 July 2016.

131/16 GREATER MANCHESTER RESPONDING TO BREXIT

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor and Councillor Richard Leese, provided a report which presented an overview of the work underway to ensure that Greater Manchester is in a position to mitigate the worst impacts of withdrawal.

Members noted that Greater Manchester was determined to continue to drive strong growth in the economy as an internationally important city region. Although there are short term uncertainties, Greater Manchester's ambition to establish the city region as a financially self-sustaining city, sitting at the heart of the Northern Powerhouse, with the size, the assets, the skilled population and political and economic influence to rival any global city remained unchanged. However Greater Manchester must react to the challenges created by the uncertainty and potential economic consequences. To inform that response a comprehensive programme of work will consider the actions required in eight areas:

- Implications for access to European funding;
- Implications for changing rules, regulations and terms of trade;
- Implications for key sectors;
- Implications for property investment;
- Implications for housing and planning;
- Implications for inclusion;
- monitoring economic trends and developments;
- utilising GM's relationships with key Central Government departments.

It was noted that the Greater Manchester Growth Company had established an Advisory Board to work with employers particularly in relation to foreign owned companies.

Brexit would provide an opportunity to seek greater influence on education and skill from Government, in order to develop a skills base for Greater Manchester.

The rise of hate crime and cohesion issues was highlighted. Members noted that the Home Office had developed an action plan and that this plan would be adapted to meet Greater Manchester's needs.

A Member commented that any discussions with Westminster and Brussels should include the redistribution of powers to Greater Manchester following the repatriation of the UK from the European Union.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the work programme set out in this report.
2. To request that a substantive analysis be produced for consideration at the August 2016 meeting of the GMCA that identifies both the issues that Greater Manchester will be seeking the Government to address through the Autumn Statement and the matters that Greater Manchester will want to highlight for consideration as the framework for Britain's withdrawal from the European Union is established.

132/16 GROWTH DEAL 3 – SUBMISSION TO GOVERNMENT

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor provided a verbal report in relation to Growth Deal 3. Members noted that the closing date for submissions to the third round of the Government's growth deal process was 28 July and that the development of Greater Manchester's submission to that process has been overseen by Greater Manchester leaders and developed in consultation with Greater Manchester's business and investor community.

Members also noted that the proposals build on the Greater Manchester Strategy and the Growth and Reform Plan and focuses on securing investment to drive the growth of the conurbation, however, in light of the decision to withdraw from the European Union, proposals have also been designed to ensure that Greater Manchester was able to maintain momentum during the period of change and uncertainty that Brexit will bring. Given the competitive nature of the Growth Deal process and the commercial sensitivity of some of the proposals, the full submission remained confidential at this stage, but negotiations will take place with Government over the summer, with an expectation of an announcement regarding the Local Growth Fund settlement around the time of the Autumn Statement.

RESOLVED/-

1. To receive and note the update.
2. To note Greater Manchester's submission to the third round of the Government's Growth Deal process was made on 28 July, in line with the proposals developed in consultation with Leaders.
3. To note an announcement regarding GM's third Local Growth Fund settlement is due around the time of the Autumn Statement.

133/16 TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH

Councillor Richard Leese, Portfolio Lead for Transport for the North, introduced a report requesting members consider whether there should be a sub-national transport body (STB) in the North and whether it wishes to become a constituent authority of Transport for the North (TfN).

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the proposal for there to be a sub-national transport body (STB) in the North to be called Transport for the North (TfN), and to agree that GMCA should be a constituent authority of TfN.
2. To approve, in principle, the draft proposal for TfN as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
3. To authorise the Head of Paid Service and the Chief Executive of TfGM, in consultation with the Greater Manchester Interim Mayor and Vice-Chair with responsibility for TfN, to progress the matter with other proposed constituent authorities, including the submission of the proposal to the Secretary of State.
4. To note that before any regulations will be laid before Parliament, the making of such regulations will require the further approval of each of constituent authorities.

134/16 TRANSPORT DEVOLUTION COSTS AND FUNDING

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Transport, introduced a report setting out the forecast costs and the proposed funding associated with the transport related Devolution activities in 2016/17.

RESOLVED/-

To note the report and to approve the drawdown of funding required to progress the transport related Devolution activities in 2016/17, from a combination of GMCA and TfGM General Reserves.

135/16 AIR QUALITY CONSULTATION OUTCOME

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Transport, presented a report which provided an update on the outcomes from the formal public consultation on the Greater Manchester Low Emissions Strategy and Air Quality Action Plan, and to seek approval for the final documents to be adopted and for delivery to commence.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the outcomes from the public consultation.

2. To review and approve the final versions of the Low Emissions Strategy and Air Quality Action Plan for adoption.
3. To authorise for delivery of the plan to commence.

136/16 GREATER MANCHESTER FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS STRATEGY

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Transport, provided a report which presented the draft Greater Manchester Freight and Logistics Strategy and to sought Members endorsement and approval for adoption.

A Member commented that the introduction of this Strategy should not be at the cost of other economic routes in Greater Manchester particularly in relation to road congestion.

RESOLVED/-

To agree and approve the draft Greater Manchester Freight and Logistics Strategy as the formal strategy for Greater Manchester.

137/16 YEAR 3 REVIEW OF GREATER MANCHESTER ROAD ACTIVITY PERMIT SCHEME (GMRAPS)

Tony Lloyd, GM Interim Mayor and Portfolio Lead for Transport, provided a report which updated GMCA on the third year operation of the Greater Manchester Road Activity Permit Scheme (GMRAPS) and to provide a financial forecast for the fourth year of operation.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note and endorse the financial review and forecasts as set out in Section 2 to the report.
2. To endorse the view that, based upon the financial update set out in Section 2 to the report, it is not necessary to amend the scheme during year four of operation.
3. To approve the publication of the year three report, attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

138/16 THE GREATER MANCHESTER RAISING AGE PARTICPATION (RPA) STRATEGY

Councillor Sean Anstee, Portfolio Lead for Employment and Skills, provided a report which presented the GM Raising of the Participation Age Strategy (RPA) and sought its full endorsement for implementation from GMCA.

The report highlighted that the purpose of the RPA Strategy was to support the ambitions for growth and reform and support the delivery of the previously agreed Work and Skills priorities. The success of the RPA will require four priorities to work synergistically. These are:

- Reducing NEET and Not Known and increasing participation.
- Improving the quality of careers education 9information advice given.
- A responsive FE curriculum based on the best labour market information.
- Driving up attainment in mathematics and English at level 2 and digital skills.

RESOLVED/-

To note the report and approach set out in the RPA Strategy, and in particular to agree the following:

- Full launch and communication of the RPA Strategy
- Commencement of the implementation plan against a calendared reporting structure to the Skills & Employment Partnership.

139/16 GMCA REVENUE UPDATE 2016/17

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Finance, provided a report which informed Members of the 2016/17 forecast revenue outturn position as at the end of June 2016.

RESOLVED/-

1. To note the Economic Development and Regeneration revenue outturn position for 2016/17 which shows a projected underspend against budget of £0.023m.
2. To note the contribution from AGMA towards GMCA Reserves shown within the Economic Development and Regeneration budget as detailed in paragraph 2.2 to the report.
3. To note the transport revenue outturn position for 2016/17 which is in line with budget after contributions to earmarked reserves of £0.744m.
4. To approve the carry-forward requests from GMCA of £0.100m for the Low Carbon Investment Team and TfGM general funds of £0.48m to support the first phase of devolution costs as detailed in paragraphs 2.4 and 4.7 to the report.
5. To approve the budget adjustments referred to in paragraphs 2.2-2.13 to the report for Economic Development and Regeneration budgets and paragraphs 3.2-3.4 to the report for Transport budgets.

140/16 GMCA CAPITAL UPDATE 2016/17

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Finance, provided which presented an update in relation to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority 2016/17 capital expenditure programme.

RESOLVED/-

1. To approve the revisions to the capital budget as set out in appendix A and detailed within the report.
2. To note the current 2016/17 forecast compared to the revised 2016/17 capital budget.
3. To approve the draw down of £2.4m for the Salford Bolton Network Improvement Project Local which forms part of the Growth Deal to enable the delivery of Bolton Delivery Packages 1 (Raikes Lane) and 7 (Bus Stop Upgrades); and to fund key advanced activities on other Bolton and Salford Packages.

141/16 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK AND CONDITIONAL APPROVAL

Councillor Kieran Quinn, Portfolio Lead for Investment and Finance, provided a report which sought the approval of GMCA for investments to Kleeneze Limited, So Purple Group Limited and Optimise Hiring Limited. The loans will be made from recycled monies. This report also provides an update on the Green Energy Advisor, WEMS and FootClicks projects.

The Part B report containing the commercially sensitive elements of the GM Housing Fund Investment Strategy was taken as read with this item.

RESOLVED/-

1. To agree that the project funding application by Kleeneze, (loan of £1,200,000), So Purple (loan of £800,000) and Optimise Hiring (investment of £375,000) be given conditional approval.
2. To agree to delegate authority to the Combined Authority Treasurer and Combined Authority Monitoring Officer to review the due diligence information and, subject to their satisfactory review and agreement of the due diligence information and the overall detailed commercial terms of the transaction, to sign off any outstanding conditions, issue final approvals and complete any necessary related documentation in respect of the loans at a) above.
3. To agree the changes to the commercial terms of the Green Energy Advisor and WEMs funding as set out in the confidential part of the agenda.

142/16 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING FUND – INVESTMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

Councillor Richard Farnell, Portfolio Lead for Planning & Housing, introduced a report which set out an updated Investment Strategy for the GM Housing Fund and the use of HCA receipts available to GM under the City Deal that will guide GM's approach to investment and management of financial risk at both project and portfolio level while supporting GM's housing policy objectives.

The Part B report containing the commercially sensitive elements of the GM Housing Fund Investment Strategy was taken as read with this item.

Members noted that the strategy was a loan instrument and could not be used to develop grant funding. A suggestion was made for the Housing Fund to be re-titled as Loan Fund.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the updated Investment Strategy as set out in the report.

143/16 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GMCA, NHS GREATER MANCHESTER AND SPORT ENGLAND

Councillor Peter Smith, Portfolio Lead for Health and Well Being, provided GMCA with an update on the emerging strategic partnership between Sport England and Greater Manchester, to be formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

It was noted that Members of GMCA had endorsed the MoU at the earlier GM Health and Social Care Strategic Partnership Board meeting.

RESOLVED/-

To note the report and endorse the signing of the MoU between Sport England and Greater Manchester which was undertaken prior to the GMCA meeting.

144/16 DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT – AN UPDATE ON GET DIGITAL FASTER (GM RURAL BROADBAND)

Councillor Richard Farnell, Portfolio Lead for Planning & Housing, introduced a report which provided an update on the progress being made on the delivery of the Get Digital Faster programme (formerly known as GM Rural Superfast Broadband) and to highlight the need to encourage the provision and take-up of superfast broadband services in order to support economic growth.

RESOLVED/-

To note the progress being made in rolling out superfast broadband speeds and considers how best provision and take-up can be promoted in the future in the context of the emerging GM Spatial Framework.

145/16 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members noted that as the commercially sensitive information was taken as read during the consideration of Greater Manchester Investment Framework and Conditional Approval (Minute 114/16) and Greater Manchester Housing Fund – Investment Strategy Update (Minute 115/16) the recommendation to exclude members of the press and public would not be moved.

**146/16 GREATER MANCHESTER INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK –
CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the Part A Greater Manchester Investment Framework and Conditional Approval (Minute 141/16).

**147/16 GREATER MANCHESTER HOUSING FUND – INVESTMENT
STRATEGY UPDATE**

CLERK'S NOTE: This item was considered in support of the Part A Greater Manchester Housing Fund – Investment Strategy Update (Minute 142/16).

